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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

I believe you want to mention the attached
letter from Mac Bundy at the Deputies' Meeting.

The action referred to in paragraph 2 was
National Security Action Memorandum #28,



JSE (15 March 61)
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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March 10, 1961

Dear Allen:

The President has asked me to start to keep track of directives and requests which he makes in the area of national security affairs. Such requests and actions may come from memoranda of his, from phone calls which he makes or asks one of his assistants to make, or they may come from discussions which he has directly with members of the Administration in private meetings, or they may come out of the discussions of the National Security Council. Wherever they come from, he is eager to keep track of the things which he personally initiates.

Accordingly, we have begun a series of National Security Action Memoranda. The first action addressed jointly to you and the Secretary of Defense is Number 28, dated March 9.

It is not our intention to pester the departments and agencies with untimely follow-up messages on these action memoranda, and I have the strong impression, from my brief experience, that departments and agencies will always be acting just as fast as they can to respond to the President's directives. At the same time, it is obviously important to him to have some orderly procedure for follow-up. So we will try to keep track over here as each problem is acted on, and will bother you only if in the normally brisk dispatch of business we are not in the position to tell the President what is happening.

I hope that this method of action may seem sensible to you, and if you have any questions I hope you will let me know.

Sincerely,

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McGeorge Bundy

The Honorable Allen Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence

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